

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Oleg Kaplun on May 12, 2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Claims:

In line 2 of claim 13, "□m" has been changed to ---μm---.

In line of claim 18, "the pore volume" has been changed to ---a pore volume---.

Claim 19 has been canceled.

In line 3 of claim 22, "an" has been deleted.

In line 1 of claim 28, "claim 26" has been changed to ---claim 27---.

In line 2 of claim 45, "the porosity" has been changed to ---a porosity---.

In line 2 of claim 55, "the covering" has been changed to ---a covering---.

In line 3 of claim 55, "detractable" has been changed to ---destructible---.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record fails to disclose or suggest a motivation for the adsorbing agent being in loose form and as a support material superficially coated powdery adsorption material in combination with the other recited limitations. The closest prior art discloses adsorbent material attached to a filter

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substrate with adhesive, or loose-form adsorbent that does not include a powdery coating. The instant invention provides a greater adsorbent surface area for contact with contaminants.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The references listed on the attached PTO-892 disclose adsorbent filters.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Frank M. Lawrence whose telephone number is 571-272-1161. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs 7:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Duane Smith can be reached on 571-272-1166. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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